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For: RING COMPRESSION DEVICE AND RING  
COMPRESSION METHOD

Examiner: S. M. Jennings

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.